

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2310 - SB 2257

April 2, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Department of Environment and Conservation to increase the caps on certain fees. Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation to bring actions in court. Makes other technical revisions to the code.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The bill authorizes the department to increase the cap on certain fees. However, there will be no actual increase in revenue until such fees are actually raised. The ability of the department to raise the fees will be dependent upon the ratio of appropriations by the state to the fee revenue derived by the department in accordance with T.C.A. §68-203-104(d). Because the level of state appropriations to the department and future decisions of the department are unknown, any increase in state revenues to the Environmental Protection Fund due to fee increases associated with the higher caps cannot be quantified.

Assumptions:

- Authorizing the Commissioner to bring actions in court rather than the Attorney General on behalf of the Commissioner will not result in any change in state revenues or expenditures.
- Other technical revisions to the code provided by the bill will not have a fiscal impact on state or local governments.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director